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The CAT mark is a mark of quality, awarded by young people, for any organisations providing services to young people.

Does your organisation qualify?

Would you like to be a young assessor?

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What is the CAT mark?

The CAT mark is a stamp of approval for young people's services. It is awarded by young people who have been trained as CAT-mark assessors. They assess services, organisations and projects against set conditions. The conditions are as follows.

- Involving young people
- The safety, security and wellbeing of young people
- Equal opportunities for all young people
- Links to other services
- Environment and resources
- Availability of support

Being awarded a CAT mark shows a commitment to providing a good-quality service, which successfully meets the needs of all young people.

CAT stands for the Care Action Team. It was Hampshire's Care Action Team who recognised the need for young people to have their say and be involved in assessing young people's services.

The CAT mark is the result.



CAT-mark assessors

CAT-mark assessors are young people aged between 13 and 25 who understand the needs of young people. They use this knowledge to assess the services that are designed for them.

Assessors will visit the organisations that have applied for the CAT mark and check them against the set conditions.

They complete their assessment by writing a simple report to present to the organisation. This report will highlight strengths and areas for development.

The assessors will decide whether the organisation should receive a CAT mark.

Who can apply for a CAT mark?

Any organisation that provides a service for young people can apply, such as children's homes, youth projects, schools, information and advice services, and health services.

“ A jewel in the crown of participation. ”
Department for Education and Skills

How can my organisation apply for a CAT mark?

You can apply for a CAT mark by filling in the form in this leaflet and returning it to the address provided.

If you want to put forward an organisation for the CAT mark, let us know who they are by using the form. We can send them information about the CAT mark and how to apply.

“ Being involved in the CAT mark changed my life – it could change yours. ”

CAT-mark assessor

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What do I have to do to become an assessor?

If you are interested, we will train you to become an assessor. You will need to give up some of your time for the training, so think carefully about what other commitments you have. The training will last for one day and you will need to have time to carry out the assessments. Your expenses will be paid.

To find out more, fill in the form in this leaflet and return it to us at the address provided.

Once we have received your form, we will contact you with more information.

The CAT mark

If you would like more information about the CAT mark, fill in this form and return it to the address provided.



Name

Address

Postcode

Phone number

Email

Are you?

- a representative from an organisation wanting to apply for a CAT mark?

Or

- a young person wanting more information about becoming an assessor?

Please tell us the organisation you work for.



Please seal this form and send it to Hampshire Council of Voluntary Youth Services. Or, you can e-mail your enquiry to ce.ychiow@ukonline.co.uk.

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